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SUBJECT: LUANDA SITREP APRIL 29, NOON

1. MORNING PRESS ANNOUNCES USA, BRAZIL, SOUTH AFRICA, AND VATICAN HAVE RECOGNIZED JUNTA.

2. SECGEN HAS ABOLISHED CENSORSHIP ON CONDITION THAT NEWS CONCERNING MILITARY ACTIVITY HAVE PRIOR APPROVAL OF CINC/ANGOLA. FURTHER, IN VIEW OF "NEED TO AVOID DISTURBING PUBLIC OPINION" CAUSED BY "IDEOLOGICAL AGGRESSION," WRITERS IF IN DOUBT SHOULD SEEK GUIDANCE FROM SECGEN'S OFFICE. LUANDA'S MORNING DAILY "PROVINCIA" NOT SUBMITTED TO CENSORSHIP FOR FIRST TIME SINCE COUP.

3. FORMER DGS SUPERCHIEF FOR ANGOLA AND MOZAMBIQUE, ANIBAL SAO JOSE LOPES, REPORTED UNDER HOUSE ARREST IN LISBON BUT SCHEDULED TO RETURN TO ANGOLA "TO RESUME HIS JOB IN SERVICE OF ARMED FORCES," ACCORDING TO NEWS ITEM DATED LISBON.

4. GROUP CALLING ITSELF "MOVEMENT IN SUPPORT OF JSN" HEADED BY LUANDA LAWYER, EUGENIO FERREIRA HAS CALLED FOR PUBLIC DEMONST-
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RATION IN LUANDA'S MAIN SQUARE AT 1830 HOURS TODAY FOLLOWING WHICH THOSE PARTICIPATING INVITED BY ORGANIZERS TO MOVE TO

PALACE AND TO CINC'S HEADQUARTERS TO EXPRESS SUPPORT FOR JUNTA.
COMMENT: ACCORDING TO CONGEN FILES EUGENIO BENTO FERRIRA (IF
SAME PERSON) IS ABOUT 55, BORN MADEIRA, SELF-STYLED COMMUNIST
SYMPATHIZER WITH ANARCHIST BACKGROUND (IN MID 20'S). WORKED
BRIEFLY FOR DIAMANG FROM WHICH HE WAS FIRED BECAUSE OF HIS
POLITICAL VIEWS. HE HAS REPUTATION OF BEING ANTI-AMERICAN.

5. WE UNABLE TO RAISE USUAL MILITARY CONTACTS SO FAR TODAY BUT
SEEKING THROUGH OTHER SOURCES ASCERTAIN OFFICIAL ATTITUDE
TOWARDS DEMONSTRATION.
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